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VER A MILLION camping thousan days for the children of men w Greece! This is the record time, ef that was completed at the end of ganize September, when tents were All the folded away, and the last truck-sible, a load of singing children had records rolled away from the last sum-ing days mer camp or colony for the season of 1945. From Soufli on the the inte northeastern border to Corfu on dren, ar the western seacoast, from the it may islands of Crete and the Cyclades, years be from Salonica in the north to camps h Kalamata in the south, over organization 50,000 children benefited by the Nea three weeks' stays in the moun-mer co tains or at the seashore. Good building food, good rest, and good play of the p did much to build health reserves tions as for these children, all of whom During had been selected because they establish were underweight or otherwise were u physically sub-normal. In addi-armies, tion to the health benefits, these were in children had their first tastes of end of the organized activity in many years; they learned the good discipline cially in of working and playing together.

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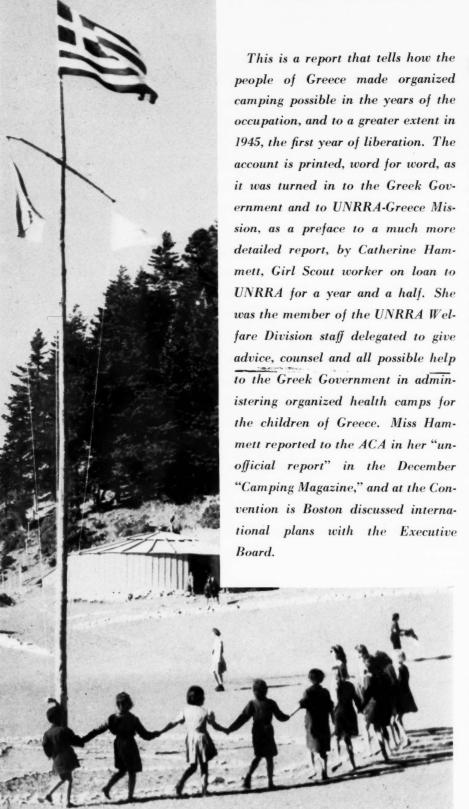
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This is the record of one small ous orga part of the rehabilitation of chil-possible dren that is going on in Greece tents or at the present time. It is, per-get city haps, the first big project under open, an taken by the government and co-food. D operating organizations that 11,000 c shows results, since camping is opportun seasonal and the first season since lack of liberation is now over. The rec-port, sho ord has been made possible by cooperation: UNRRA food and medical supplies; equipment loaned from the British Army, from private agencies, from anyone who had something that could be used; blankets from UNRRA warehouses; transport from many different sources; a camp bureau and a supervising Greece, committee from the Ministry of Welfare, working with the Min help in istry of Supply; financial help camp p from the Greek Government; were mail



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Catherine T. Hammett

Girl Scouts, New York City

mping housands of Greek men and woen of men who gave freely of their ecord time, efforts and energies to orend of canize and operate the camps.

Were All these made the camps postruck sible, and because of them, the had records stand-1,200,000 campsum- ing days for Greek children.

Back of it all is a long story; e seaon the the interest in camping for chilfu on dren, and the knowledge of how n the it may be done, dates back to lades, years before the war. Excellent th to camps had been operated by such over organizations as the YMCA and by the Near East Foundation; sumnoun-mer colonies in well-equipped Good buildings had been a major part play of the program of such organizaserves tions as the Patriotic Foundation. whom During the occupation, all such they established camps and buildings erwise were used by the occupying addi- armies, and generally speaking, these were in very poor condition at the tes of end of the war.

vears; During the occupation, espeether. amazing effort on the part of varismall ous organizations of Athens made f chil-possible temporary camps, in creece tents or in buildings, in order to , per get city children out into the ander open, and to give them additional nd co-food. During 1944, it is reported, that 11,000 children were given such ing is opportunities. Against all oddssince lack of equipment, lack of transe rec-port, shortage of food, difficulties by co-with the occupying authorities, and bombings by Allied and Axis forces—this program was carried ment on. Food was provided by the International Red Cross, and genthat eral supervision and coordination was by the Swiss Mission.

nsport When the Welfare Division of ces; a UNNRA was first established in vising Greece, in the winter of 1944-45, try of some of the first requests were for Min help in expanding the summerhelp camp program. Organizations ment; were making plans for camps and

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MESS-CALL HAS SOUNDED at the Near East Foundation Camp established for children from burned-out villages.

(Camps, generally speaking, are tent units; colonies are house units.)

So great was the desire for summer camps and colonies that the Ministry of Welfare appointed a special sub-committee to draw up plans, establish standards and coordinate the work. The Ministry later set up a camp office, to handle the affairs of the Athens area. The Welfare Division of UNRRA assigned a welfare officer to give assistance to the Ministry. (Note: the only way UNRRA functions is through a government agency - not direct relief.—C.T.H.)

The general plan was that the Greek Government, through the Ministry of Welfare, would give aid to organizations that were qualified to establish and operate camps. The camps were to be open to children who passed dispensary and clinical examinations, and were proved to be underweight, undernourished or for some other reason in need of the camping experience. These children, too, were to be from the areas of greatest need, and children who in no other way could afford a holiday.

Help from the government was in the form of food, medical supplies, some equipment, and grants of money to help with installations and with supplementing basic food rations with fresh food. In general, UNRRA food supplies that had been turned over to the government were used; the money came from revenue from sale of foods and other material from UNRRA stocks.

Many Groups Aid

Many different organizations planned and operated the camps; groups of employees of various industries operated camps for the children of the employees; church and welfare organizations for their members; some organizations operated camps solely for children from dispensaries, regardless of their affiliations. Those organizations that operated for their own groups enrolled 25 per cent from the lists of children from dispensaries, and had no choice in the children; they were sent from the Ministry.

The sub-committee on Summer Camps and Colonies and the officials of the Ministry of Welfare made plans to help camps all over the countries, and worked with other government agencies on supplies, equipment, finances; they also established standards of operation, methods of procedure.

The task was not an easy one: liberation had brought new and increased problems. Food was still not plentiful; equipment that was suitable for camping was also in demand for institutions, armies, hospitals, burned villages; transport was almost unobtainable. But, in spite of great difficulties, equipment and transport were begged and borrowed, food was allocated, and plans began to take shape.

Not only in Athens, but



throughout the country, people

concerned with the welfare of

children were thinking of camps.

In Salonica, a coordinating com-

mittee of all organizations joined

in finding and establishing facil-

ities, and in selecting children.

In Crete, bombed schools were

equipped with some of the con-

fiscated German army stores;

everywhere houses that were too

badly damaged for year-round living were converted into camps.

The Patriotic Foundation began

to make plans to reopen its many

Plans were slow in developing

because of difficulties in finding

equipment and the necessary ma-

terials for installations. Good

Greek ingenuity saved the day in

many directions, using scrap ma-

terial. Delays were caused by

lack of organization and plans.

Inexperience in dealing with such

a comprehensive program caused

many difficulties. Too great ex-

pansion, fostered by enthusiasm,

was also a difficulty. But in Aug-

ust, more than a hundred camps

accommodating from 30 to 300

children each were in operation.

A great boon to the program

came in the form of nearly 500

tents, imported by the Australian

Red Cross. Although these tents

did not arrive until the middle of

the summer, they made possible

camping for approximately 6,000

the picture, of course. Expansion

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extra children,

colonies in the provinces.

CLEAN-UP TIME at a Greek Red Cross camp. Proper sanitary conditions are stressed at all camps.

was too rapid to make complete supervision possible; lack of experience on the part of some officials caused poor examples of sanitation and other installations or of the organization of camp groups and camp program; in some cases the leadership was too young and inexperienced to do a good job of guiding the children. All these can be taken care of another summer.

Success Attained

But on the other side, there are great successes. Most of the camps were conducted with high standards of installations and operation. Some were exceptionally well established. The leadership in charge of some camps was of the highest calibre. The service of the thousands of volunteer leaders in conducting the camps is immeasurable. Organizations have learned much that will be put to good practice another year. There was an amazingly small record of illnesses, considering that all of the children were in a poor state of health; a mild measles epidemic gave the greatest trouble.

There are many interesting stories that highlight the camps; monastery buildings were used in a number of places; in one place, an orphanage of boys moved into the country for the summer, and the boys learned gardening as they raised their own supplemental supply of food. Various methods were used to get water into the camps — sometimes an Army water tank arrived regularly to fill the water containers; sometimes donkeys were employed all day long carrying water from springs. One small camp, established for the training of Girl Guide leaders, was later used to give 120 children camping, because it seemed such a waste to take the tents down before the summer was over. In one camp, showers were provided in a shed

NOURISHING FOOD is important for children whose health was undermined during the war years.

in a train yard; the water was heated by an old engine that had been backed up to the shed. Everywhere such stories tell the tale of the good work that made the camps possible.

Camping benefits are mostly intangible — one can measure gains in weight (and the average seems to be between three and four kilos per child, with the record being 8 kilos for one boy in three weeks) but the real health benefits will show this spring, when it can be noted how children have stood the rigors of winter. It is difficult to measure joy that comes of singing, of playing in the sea, of having trees to climb, of campfires in the evening. No one can measure what it may mean to children to have organized groups, under wise leadership, again, after years of restrictions, or lack of school or club groups.

But one glimpse of a group of 200 boys and girls standing around the flag in good order, one glimpse of children busily making their tent-homes neat and attractive, one glimpse of a group of starry-eyed children piled into a bus to be taken to the camps —and another glimpse of them brown, clear eyed and healthier at the end of the three weeksand one can gather something of the good that has been given to over 50,000 boys and girls in these more than a million days of camping in 1945.



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HERE HAS always been a particularly warm spot in my heart for the youngster venturing into camping for the first time. For the majority of these lads the first camping experience is simultaneous with the first complete and sustained separation from the home environment and parents. Many of these eight to 11 year olds have never been away from home before or separated from their parents for a period longer than a school day.

The most significant contribution a camp staff can make to new campers is to introduce them to camping in a manner that results in the security and assurance so necessary for successful adjustment to a new situation. To set a solid foundation for many future years of happy camping, all resources of the camp and staff must be mobilized and directed toward realization of a "feeling of belonging"—of oneness with the camp.

If this objective of building security is to guide counselors in their many relationships with new campers, it follows that counselors must understand the conditions that make for this desirable outcome. To say this another way, the program should be attuned to the particular inter-

ests, needs and general characteristics of campers eight to 11 years of age, and not just an extension downward of activities of older campers.

In a previous article, I discussed the role of interest in camp programming¹, and attempted a general delineation of interests that appeal to all young people. While junior campers can be relied upon to fit into the general pattern, they possess certain traits which require particular attention in programming. Notably, junior campers are characterized by need for more supervision in routine and free activities of camp than their older brothers require. However, the program should provide voluntary participation of their own choosing within their varied abilities.

Many of their health habits are not matured and consequently close supervision must be given to such things as regularity of meals, sleep, rest, elimination and overstimulation, as well as environmental and personal cleanliness.

Physical Activity Best

These junior youngsters are more interested in physical than sedentary activity. Finer muscle-control of hands and fingers is still developing and coordination

of the large muscles of the arms, legs, and trunk with the finer muscles is still somewhat difficult. Consequently, they find it difficult to engage in long periods of sedentary activity involving use of the finer muscles. They need to move and stretch.

Activities such as arts and crafts, painting, photography, singing, music, dramatics, etc., are extremely useful exercise for the finer muscles and expose youngsters to new cultural areas, provided activities are graded within the abilities of the campers so that pleasant results are obtained by the participants.

It will be found that the intellectual horizon of eight year olds has emerged from imitative and imaginative stages centering about people and things in their immediate environment. They are now interested in learning about people and things far away both in time and space. Older juniors are most avid for facts and can do creditable research work. These interests can form the basis for a type of camp living from which campers can acquire an understanding of and respect for the different peoples of the world. Such camp living can vitally contribute to realization of the world peace for which



(Photo courtesy Camp Tyrone, YWCA Camp of Flint, Mich.)

fought.

Socially, these youngsters are capable of working in groups. Eight year olds begin to want other children to play with them, and to engage in purposeful group play. However, this ability is limited in the younger juniors. In many cases they find it difficult and confusing to subordinate individual desire to group welfare. In group play they lack some basic skills and intellectual comprehension that make for cohesive group activity. Younger boys play games with few rules; they find it difficult to grasp the complex rules of games. Elements of individual competition and group cooperation are evident. Older juniors show a definite tendency to be included in a group and are willing to accept group obligations and restraints to individual action.

Explore Their Interests

· Self-directing and self-testing activities are important. Exploration of interest in art, music, nature study and group projects in dramatics, carnivals2, musicals, dancing, festivals are necessary and useful. This is the age of exploration of one's surroundings, veloping physically strong bodies, play materials and associates in an effort to establish relationships with companions of one's own age.

Older juniors begin to use their recreational skills to relate themselves to companions. This is the

World War II has just been beginning age for clubs and natural gang groups. Children need to know how to play in order to get along with their own age group. Team sports, club programs, hobby groups, educational games, excursions and group projects in numerous activity fields are important. Earlier exploration begins to broaden into education and scientific areas. Reading, visual aids and use of workshop tools are helpful.

The nuances between eight to nine year olds and older juniors raises a question in camp programming and technique. Developmental differences are sufficient to consider possibility of a separate program for these two age groups. Insofar as this is practicable, it should be done. Under all circumstances the program should be graded to give older juniors as wide a scope as possible to develop.

The following may be considered desirable objectives of junior camping:

- 1. To introduce young people to camping.
- 2. To give junior campers a maximum of fun and enjoyment.
- 3. To aid junior campers in degood health habits and muscular control and coordination.
- 4. To aid junior campers in acquiring ability to work and play in groups and to assume responsibility.
 - 5. To aid junior campers to ac-

JUNIOR GIRLS provide their own music on reed shepherd's pipes at Camp Tyrone, Fenton, Mich.



S. Theodore Woal

quire habits of orderliness, both personal and environmental.

- 6. To further existing interests and expose them to new cultural areas.
- 7. To give junior campers many opportunities to make choices and express themselves creatively.

To attain these objectives a junior program should:

- 1. Be suitable to the junior campers' stage of development and not merely a downward extension of an older boys' program.
- 2. Permit regularity of rest, meals, sleep and elimination.
- 3. Include training in making choices, self direction and acceptance of the necessary compulsion of social life.
- 4. Abound with frequent experiences in which free choice is exercised.
- 5. Include many activities in which choice of ways of behaving are developed.

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Camping in Michigan— Next Steps of Kellogg Foundation

By Hugh B. Masters

Educational Director W. K. Kellogg Foundation

THEN WAR BROKE OUT the W. K. Kellogg Foundation camps were engaged in testing the idea of making camping an integral part of the public school system. This program had been in the experimental stage for approximately one year and a half. The camps had been dedicated to the idea of helping young people help themselves, through understanding and applying the democratic way.

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It soon became obvious the country would need large numbers of persons trained in modern warfare. Then began the rush for acquisition and development of physical facilities to produce an Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine force adequate for the struggle ahead. The country was faced with a series of shortages: lack of manpower, materials and transportation.

It is a fundamental belief of the Foundation that one of the most important contributions a private agency can make is to be prepared with its facilities and staff to launch an immediate attack upon problems while they are still in their early stages, with the idea that they may at least be kept from becoming worse during the period when the governmental agencies which have ultimate responsibility are initiating necessary and sometimes lengthy procedures for applying legal remedies. Accordingly, the Foundation drew up a statement showing its physical facilities and staff that could be readily converted for immediate use in the wartime program. The Foundation and the United States Coast Guard entered into a contract on June 14, 1942, in which the Foun-

dation agreed to turn over the physical facilities of its three camps: Pine Lake, Clear Lake and St. Mary's Lake in Calhoun County, Michigan. Over a period of two years, approximately 5,000 Coast Guard personnel were trained in the three camps.

This material assistance to the war effort was made possible by the flexibility of the Foundation's program, which enabled it to move rapidly. Such speed and cooperation in time of great stress show clearly that where motives are strong enough efforts of private and governmental agencies can readily be coordinated.

In 1944 the camps were returned to the Foundation. It was then decided to change the basis of their peacetime operation. From their inception, in 1933, the camps had been conducted directly by the Foundation. It has long been a guiding principle of the Foundation to develop programs through existing facilities rather than to create new entities. In keeping with this fundamental idea, the camps were leased to various local and state agencies interested in promotion of camping as an integral part of the educational structure of the community and state.

Camp-School Integration

A group of citizens of Calhoun County organized St. Mary's Lake Camp Association, incorporated it under Michigan laws and leased St. Mary's Camp for a period of three years. Their purpose is to develop and further explore possibilities of assimilating camping into the school system of Calhoun County. During the first year much work and time were devoted to building an organization and developing administrative procedures for a school camp. In the present year and the year ahead major emphasis will be found to lie on developing programs primarily concerned with helping children to use the camp and its special environment as a means of enriching their educational experience.

The Foundation realizes that one of the most important steps in making camping an integral part of the public school system is to have teachers qualified to work with children in the outdoor education program. It accordingly made Clear Lake Camp available to Western Michigan College of Education on a three-year lease, to enable that institution to explore possibilities of educating teachers, through direct experience with children in camp, in the values of camping as a part of the total education process.

Another of the Foundation's beliefs is that camping is a significant experience for people of all ages. It should be for both young and older people, on a continuous, year-round basis. This belief, coupled with the interest that the Foundation has in the returning veteran, prompted leasing to the State of Michigan of Pine Lake Camp. The Michigan Veterans Affairs Commission will develop there a program of vocational training and rehabilitation for returning soldiers and

sailors.

The Foundation believes that camping is the modern equivalent of that outdoor and frontier life which was part of the original heritage of the American people. It believes that every level of private and governmental enterprise should be encouraged to help the people develop more and better camping for all.

April is the time to -

Apply for permission to operate your camp if your state laws require it.

Examine your state health department inspection report of your camp to see where you could improve the health and sanitary conditions.

Make that trip to your camp with your camp committee and your caretaker to start the necessary work before camp time.

Take your counselors and committee to the next meeting of your section. It is surprising how much they will pick up even casually in conversation with other camp people.

Ask an older counselor to list "What a New Counselor Needs to Know" and use the list in your staff meetings before camp opens.

Secure enough copies of trip menus and cooking directions to give to the counselors taking campers on trips.

Have all camp tools, saws, planes, axes, etc., sharpened and repaired.

Check all power tools and have them placed in good repair.

Go over the camp site with members of your committee or your caretaker and have all hazards removed before campers come. Appoint your most dependable counselor to be the "hazard inspector" during the season.

Prepare the questionnaire to parents and submit it to some of the most interested parents for recommendations and additions.

Contract with a local farmer now to have the hay or grass cut the week before camp opens. He will be busy later but probably can find time to do this if you ask him now.

Enroll a few extra campers to take the place of those whose parents are sure to want to change their plans and take their children with them on a vacation. More gas and more tires will affect those enrollments made last fall.

Reread "The Marks of Good Camping" and send the most pertinent excerpts to your staff and committee members.

Think about hiring an extra counselor or two to take the place of others who do not make good during the summer, when it is hard to find substitutes. It has a wholesome effect on the other members of the staff when they know they are not indispensable.

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Making the most of

Your Insurance

By Michael H. Levy

NSURANCE PROBLEMS of camp operators are both numerous and unique. However, until recently, it has been difficult or virtually impossible for camp operators to obtain the quality insurance protection that has been available to business generally.

Today, however, the picture is radically different, policies having been developed to meet specifically the risks and insurance problems peculiar to the camp

Another important factor is the development of camp insurance specialists, who have canvassed this subject thoroughly and are able to provide valuable guidance to camp operators in their insurance purchases.

In order to make the most of insurance opportunities, it is highly desirable that camp operators have a clear knowledge of insurance mechanics and the various forms of coverage offered.

Selecting Insurance Counsel

The first and frequently the most important step in preparation of your insurance program, is selection of your insurance counsel. Insurance can be purchased through three sources — Brokers, Company Agents and Direct Writing Salesmen. The Insurance Broker is licensed by the individual state and represents the insurance purchaser. He is free to deal with any licensed insurance company to obtain any type of coverage available. This is the characteristic feature of the broker as compared to the other two. The Company Agent is licensed by one or more companies to act as a company representative in insurance sales and service. The Direct Writing Company Salesman also directly represents one or two firms.

There was a time when insurance was purchased casually on the basis of social contacts or with an eye to winning the good will of socially or politically influential persons. It has also been the practice of some insurance buyers to divide their purchases among various brokers and agents. Today, however, the professional background and specialized knowledge of the insurance counsel has become too vital a factor to permit of such careless insurance buying. Modern insurance purchasers usually centralize their business, after careful selection, thereby concentrating responsibility in one individual or

Camps should select, as insurance counsel, an individual or firm offering the following qualifications:

1. Working knowledge of the following laws and regulations:

- (a) Insurance law and court decisions affecting handling and payment of claims.
 - (b) Contract Law.
 - (c) Agency Law.
 - (d) Real property law.
 - (e) Vehicular and traffic laws.
- (f) State, County and Municipal laws, regulations and ordinances regarding fire protection, safety, accident prevention, sanitation, etc.
- (g) Workmen's Compensation Law.
- 2. Knowledge of camping and its individual and peculiar problems and hazards.
- 3. Familiarity with the physical layout of the camp, including:
 - (a) Buildings.
- (b) Waterfront Installations and equipment.
 - (c) Eating establishments.
 - (d) Fire-protection equipment.
 - (e) Vehicular equipment.4. Ability to furnish the fol-

lowing services competently.

- (a) Prepare proper policy contracts and forms.
- (b) Advise on Insurance Companies.
- (c) Inform the Camp Director of changes in insurance practice, as they may affect his camp.
- (d) Check rates, schedules and experience-rating computations.
- (e) Secure fair and advantageous settlement of claims for the camp.
- 5. Should be licensed to do business in the State in which the camp is located.

Types of Coverage

Now let us examine some of the types of coverage available to and needed by camps.

Fire Insurance Coverage. Careful analysis should be made to determine proper amounts of insurance and to assure that all buildings, installations and appurtenances are adequately covered. When co-insurance clauses are attached to policies, such analysis is a pre-requisite to a satisfactory adjustment, since these clauses require insurance coverage to be not below a specified percentage of the value of the property.

Policies should be written preferably by one company and certainly not by more than two. All policies should be endorsed with the "Extended Coverage Endorsement" (formerly Supplemental Contract) which extends the policy to cover direct loss or damage due to windstorm, aircraft, explosion (other than boiler), smoke, hail, motor vehicle and riot.

Crime Coverages. "Residence Theft" Policy provides protection against theft during the several months when many camps are closed and deserted. This is an inexpensive form of protection.

"Depositor's Forgery Bond" protects the camp and its executives against losses suffered as a result of forgery of checks, drafts, notes or any other written contract, order or direction to present money. Inexpensive "Honesty Insurance" (Fidelity Bond) "indemnifies" the camp for losses due to acts of fraud, forgery, theft, larceny, embezzlement, willful misapplication or

misappropriation or any criminal act of the bonded employee. A Blanket Bond covering all employees is recommended.

Boiler and Machinery Coverage. This is a coverage available to camps with boilers, hot water heaters or valuable machinery. It is a highly specialized form of insurance, is costly, and requires expert individual counsel.

Summer-Camp Comprehensive Liability Policy. Camps are highly susceptible to third-party actions and negligence suits. This is inherent in the nature of the camping business. This year, to meet this problem, a new policy has been developed and made available for the first time. In the writer's opinion it is highly desirable, from the viewpoint of simplification and coverage, that this policy be acquired. "Comprehensive" contract assures a camp of protection against all negligence hazards and risks, both known and unknown, whether forseeable or not. It cancels out the old aphorism-"A dozen policies-and no insurance."

As written, the "Comprehensive" provides coverage of practically all camp operations. To illustrate, it includes:

(a) The camp property (owned or leased.)

(b) All camp buildings and appurtenances.

(c) Waterfront installations.(d) Athletic and sports in-

stallations (owned or leased.)
(e) All motor vehicles (autos,

trucks, buses) owned or hired.
(f) Machinery (tractors, farm machinery, kitchen equipment,

pumps, etc.) owned or rented.
(g) Water vehicles (motor boats, outboard boats, rowboats, canoes, life rafts, sailboats (own-

(h) Saddle Horses and teams (owned or hired.)

ed or hired.)

(i) Swimming pools, bowling alleys, golf courses, rifle ranges,

alleys, golf courses, rifle ranges, archery ranges, etc.

In addition the contract will

protect the camp in many other ways. Losses are covered for:

(a) Malpractice — Camp doctor or nurse or visiting doctor or nurse.

(b) Animals or insects — resultant bites or diseases.

(c) Products — Food served by the camp, food eaten by children on or off camp premises, whether prepared by camp or otherwise.

(d) Products — Candy, etc., sold at camp store, PX or canteen.

(e) Contingent — In the event an employee, guest or camper drives a vehicle (land or water) and bodily injury to a member of the public results therefrom.

(f) All costs of defense are assumed by insurance company.

The policy can and should be extended to cover "Property Damage" Legal Liability, as well as "Bodily Injury" Legal Liability.

Recommended limits for the "Comprehensive" are \$100,000 for Bodily Injury and \$5000 for Property Damage.

Employer's Liability Insurance is a very desirable protection for camp operators in states where Workmen's Compensation Insurance is not required by law. It protects against loss from legal liability resulting from personal injuries or death suffered by employees in the course of their work. All costs of defense are assumed by the insurance company.

The Fees Refund Policy. Definitely "something new under the sun," the "Fees Refund" policy was pioneered in the Spring of 1945 by the author in collaboration with the Continental Casualty Co., Chicago, at the urging of the Association of Private Camps. The policy fills a gap in the entire camp insurance structure by providing reimbursement of tuition fees when campers leave before the season's end because of accident, illness, epidemic or panic.

Losses suffered by many camps in the "polio" epidemic year of 1944 demonstrated the urgent need for this kind of insurance protection. Experience of the 102 camps which purchased the Fees Refund Policy in its initial year emphasized this fact. Out of a total of 14,000 children insured, 1,100 children in 77 camps became claimants. This type of policy is still in its early stages of development and consequently underwriting must be carefully limited.

Accident and Health Policy. This coverage was developed to cover "extra" expenses incidental to camper's illnesses and accidents. When "outside" medical aid is required, the policy steps in to provide up to \$250 for each accident and \$100 for each illness. Premiums are charged to the parents of the camper.

Personal Effects Floater. This new policy is representative of the comprehensive, economical type of insurance now available to camp operators. Prior to development of the Personal Effects Floater, camp operators, in order to insure the property of campers, would have had to purchase between \$50,000 and \$100,000 additional fire insurance on "contents" at an annual rate of about \$10 per thousand. And in the event of a fire, he would have been confronted by the almost insurmountable problem of adjusting losses with numerous parents. His Public Liability Policy would not protect him, for the policy specifically excludes "all property owned by or in the care or custody of the insured."

To meet this problem a twomonths Personal Effects Floater was developed. This policy covers the complete effects of a camper for the entire camp season, including transit hazards to and from camp. Cost is nominal (\$4) and the policy provides \$300 protection. By passing the cost along to the parent, the camp is relieved of liability at no cost.

Life Insurance. The death of a partner or key employee can be a very penalizing loss. Business capital may be seriously depleted by buying out the interest of a deceased partner. Another possibility is that the deceased partner's estate will continue to draw profits without any compensatory work contribution. Properly arranged Life Insurance policies offer a ready answer to all of these problems.

("Camping Magazine" hopes to present another article on insurance by Mr. Levy in an early issue. Meanwhile, we would be pleased to receive additional articles on this important subject from insurance companies, camp insurance consultants and others.)

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(Photo courtesy Camp Manitowish of the Wisconsin State YMCA)

as a leader and camp counselor

By Lt. Monte Melamed

Many veterans will return with new experiences in leadership and with varied experiences and skills which will enable them to make wholesome contributions to camping. The great majority of servicemen will return home in good health, well trained and disciplined in obeying orders, imbued with a wholesome respect for authority and far better equipped for group living than prior to their military service.

Most veterans, as a result of their military experience, have acquired a deep sense of loyalty. They have had demonstrated to them repeatedly by word and action the value of loyalty to the leader and to the organization or outfit to which they belong. This keen sense of loyalty, inherent in most veterans, can be readily transferred to a camp or institution as an intangible, but decidedly valuable, asset if camp directors will make the necessary effort to establish the proper rapport. Many servicemen, also, will return from their units with a pride of cooperative achievement; their presence in camps as counselors will serve to infuse others with this new enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation in group living.

Source of New Activities

In selecting prospective counselors, camp directors should seek out those veterans who, in addition to having the basic leadership qualifications, have visited new and interesting places and

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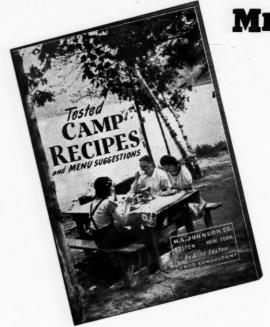
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travelled in foreign countries. These men and women can bring to their camping program new activities, valuable experiences and a wealth of first-hand knowledge of the folkways of the four corners of the earth.

There will also be a large group of veterans who will bring with them vast knowledge of technical skill in radio, radar, map reading, celestial navigation, camouflage technique, construction and the like, which they have acquired in various service schools and in the field. It will be the opportunity of camp directors properly to convert or transfer this knowledge and skill to activities suitable for the physical environment of camp and the age level of campers. Camps should likewise be prepared this summer to meet the program requests on the part of veterans for materials to construct models of landing fields, planes, boats, ships, etc.

Many veterans, once stationed on some island in the Pacific or along some seashore, have become skilled in making shellcraft jewelry, such as earrings, pins, necklaces, rings, bracelets, etc. Camp programs should be geared to help the returning servicemen contribute the most of their newly acquired skills and aptitudes.

The Army's broad program of information, education and orientation has versed and trained many in the technique of organizing and leading discussions and forums — another activity which can readily be integrated into summer camp programs.

How to Find Veterans

This year there have been many veterans returning to school to complete their education. The farsighted and generous provisions of the Federal and State Governments through the GI Bill of Rights, which provides for the continued schooling of our servicemen and women, make high schools, technical and vocational schools, colleges and universities one of the best potential sources of camp leadership.

The United States Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission continues to be a most effective medium through which to reach prospective counselors. Likewise, camp directors will find any of the following veteran agencies helpful and most cooperative: Regional Office of the Veterans' Administration, Veterans Personnel Division of the Selective Service System, Veterans' Service Centers, Federation Employment Service, and State Boards of Vocational Education.

Helpful Tools

One of the most helpful tools presently available to camp directors and administrators in selecting veterans as camp counselors is the Army Qualification Separation Record, commonly known as Form 100. The primary purpose of Form 100 is to provide the business world with a record of current qualifications useful in converting a soldier's military and pre-military experience to civilian fields of work.

Camp directors and other employers will do well, before interviewing prospective veteran counselors, to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the terms and code numbers of the "Dictionary of Occupational Titles." These occupational titles and codes are used by Army, Navy, USES and many other agencies. The entire experience of a service man or woman will be shown on the records according to Dictionary terminology, and it will therefore be advantageous and more efficient if directors or interviewers thoroughly understand this standard occupational terminology.

Although the great majority of servicemen are coming home better than ever after their experiences, some will have special difficulties, either because they could not adjust themselves to military life or because they have been wounded in mind or body under fire. Camp directors should be prepared to sift out those whose battle experiences have shaken them so profoundly that they find it hard to slip back into normal life, let alone working and living with children.

In fairness to these returning veterans, especially those who were discharged under the Army's old Section VIII, it is important to bear in mind that many of the cases of psycho-

neurosis, psychopathic personality, or even inconspicuous psychosis, could ordinarily get along in civilian life without suspicion. In the Army, however, there is no compromise; a man is either fit for duty or he is hospitalized.

Another delicate task for camp directors will be that of screening the large group of high-ranking young officers who have won responsible positions in the Army, but have had little or no experience in civilian industry, business or human relations to fit them for immediate jobs of e q u a l responsibility. Placing them and keeping them in line or happily adjusted will require a great deal of tact and planning on the part of camp administrative staffs.

There will also be many returning servicemen accustomed by Army procedure to rely on others for decisions, who will have to re-learn to make decisions for themselves as counselors. Properly handled and stimulated, their innate leadership qualities will soon come to the fore.

Directors may find some veterans restless at first, full of indecision and unable or unwilling to follow through completely on camp projects or assignments. Directors should anticipate these attitudes and thus plan to properly guide and supervise those individuals.

Disabled Veterans

One of the most difficult tasks facing employers will be that of placing disabled veterans and their vocational adjustment. Employment of the disabled requires a high degree of selective placement — a careful matching of the physical requirements of a job to the capacities of a worker.

Successful employment of veterans and their readjustment to civilian life is the responsibility, at least in part, of the field of social work, just as it is also the responsibility of industry and government. It is only through sympathetic, intelligent understanding and proper coordination and planning on the part of all concerned that returning servicemen can take their deserving place in society as useful and valuable citizens.

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The President's Page

VERY MEMBER of the ACA is deeply indebted to the New England Section for the most successful Convention which they alone made possible. It was a masterpiece of organization and intelligent and careful planning. It was also a magnificent demonstration of what may be accomplished by unity of purpose and effort. Those of us who attended were helped and inspired beyond measure. Those who could not attend will eventually feel the effects of the stimulation and impetus which were injected into the camping movement by means of the program content, and also through the measures taken to strengthen the Association. To Mr. Roland Cobb and to all who cooperated with him to make the Convention a milestone in the history of our Association, we extend our grateful appreciation.

Two New Officers

Two new officers were elected in Boston, both of whom have served the Association well in other capacities and are well aware of the requirements of their new posts. Mr. Elmer Ott of the Wisconsin State YMCA was elected Vice-president, and Mr. Victor Alm of the Chicago Boy Scouts is the new Treasurer. In the May issue mention will be made of new committees appointed and of various other administrative measures adopted to further stabilize and strengthen the structure and operations of the Association.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, which are sent to the President and Secretary of each Section, will include reports of all Standing Committees and of several Special Committees. It is my hope that each Section at one or more of its spring meetings will allocate program time to national considerations and that the gist of these reports will be passed on to the members. Except for occasional progress reports in this magazine, this is the only method

by which the membership at large may become acquainted with the immense amount of Association work being handled by these volunteer committees.

Special attention should be given to the Functions and Responsibilities portion, the first report of our new Structure Committee, headed by Mrs. Chauncey P. Hulbert. The Chairman begs for suggestions for revision and refinement of this report so that a more complete job may be turned in by her when her term of office expires March, 1947. This particular piece of work is the keystone of the arch in our organization and deserving of the full support and interest of our membership. Also of particular interest is the "Section Highlights" portion, reporting briefly the outstanding work and events which took place in each Section during the past

At the Annual Business Meeting held Friday morning, February 15, your President gave a report entitled "Tasks Ahead—Unfinished and New." The following excerpts from this may be of interest to members who were not present.

"First I wish to call attention to the vast amount of work done by volunteers on the national level . . . A great deal of credit goes to the Chairmen of all Standing and Special Committees for the impetus given to the expansion and accomplishments of ACA during the past year. The hours and energy put in by this group alone are incalculable. I particularly wish to call attention to the fact that Mr. Roland Cobb and many of his workers have given almost full time to preparing for this Convention, all aspects of the planning and preparation for which have been done here in Boston. Probably never again will the ACA be blessed with a person of Mr. Cobb's abilities and devotion in taking full responsibility for another Convention.

"ACA must pause and reflect

that just so much work can be done by volunteers, all of whom are busy people with full-time jobs of their own. Each individual can stand just so much pressure from the demands of volunteer work. We especially have to think of the time consumed in travel back and forth to Executive and other committee meetings-with the expense of travel not always completely met by refunds, and that of postage, stenographic help, etc. Therefore, we must use common sense and, if possible, arrange for more details of these national jobs to be done in our own office, so that pressures are not so great that able people will be discouraged from taking such responsibilities or have to withdraw before their work is done. I wish at this time both on behalf of ACA, and also personally, to thank all these people for their devoted and effective attention to the work and needs of the Association during the past year.

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"It would seem that the next great expansion in camping may come through the public schools, supported either by local taxes or perhaps through partial federal subsidies. Therefore, I believe the ACA should immediately embark upon a carefully considered plan to acquaint professional educators with the present status and potentialities of the camping movement. I believe this campaign, for such I would designate it, should be one of our major objectives during the next two or three years, and that it should be started at once . . . It would have to be planned carefully and tactfully by employed personnel and also by volunteers who have an entree to such groups, and who are able to cultivate such relationships . . .

"Paralleling this effort, it would seem wise to inform and cultivate officials in state teachers colleges, and in departments of education, physical education, recreation and the social sciences

By Barbara Ellen Joy

President, ACA

in universities and private colleges in regard to the need and opportunities for camp leadership training courses. Presumably colleges specializing in training teachers should be given particular attention. As in the above project, such a campaign should be mapped out by people with knowledge of and contacts with the professional educators concerned.

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"If public school and community camp expansion is going to occur, it is certainly vital to interest educators on the college level in promoting and providing leadership training. And surely this training should be given with the full cooperation of the ACA, both nationally and through sections and their members.

"This is not a recommendation. It is not even a suggestion. It is merely a premonition that before too long it would be to the advantage of this Association to investigate the possibility of affiliating with the NEA.

Work With Other Groups

"Another project toward which our Association could direct the energies and time of both volunteers and employed personnel with considerable benefit is that of establishing contacts and cooperating more fully with other national organizations and agencies which are directly concerned with various phases of camp operation and program, and with general camping education and philosophy. I refer to such organizations as:

"National Education Assn., American Red Cross, National Safety Council, General Wildlife Assn. of America, American Forestry Assn., Assn. of Public Health Nurses, American Medical Assn., Academy of Pediatrics, Assn. of Home Economics, Assn. of Mental Hygiene, Progressive Education Assn., National Recreation Assn., American Assn. for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, National Audubon Society, Wild Flower Preserva-

tion Society, National Park Service, U. S. Forest Service, American Nurses Assn., National Assn. of Underwriters, Federation of Social Workers, and Child Study Assn.

"There are many others. In every case, these organizations represent interests and fields which are directly related to camping. Each could contribute something in leadership, in information, and even in especially prepared materials which would actively add to camping knowledge and techniques . . . It is not without bounds of reason that funds for research in these specific fields as they relate to camping might be forthcoming. These organizations and others like them have material and information and resources the ACA needs. Should we not, therefore, take steps to enter into negotiations with some at once and with others as time permits? It would not be entirely a selfish move on our part, for each organization is interested in promoting its work and would be grateful to extend it through cooperation with our Association . . .

Membership Growth

"With the possible exception of Mr. Bassett, no one in our Association is more pleased at the gratifying increase in new members, in new sections and in the steppingup of memberships than am I. It is, indeed, one of the signs that the ACA is "up-and-at-it" as never before in its history. The increased power and prestige of the Association because of this progress is apparent in this very meeting . . . But it has come to my mind and has been suggested to me by several thoughtful members that with this increase in members and in fees comes increased responsibility for service and values received by members. We want new members to remain members and not relapse. We want those who have stepped up their membership fees to receive tangible values in addition to



their own satisfaction in contributing more substantially to their professional organization. We must not only desire these things: we must furnish them. Some of this will be done by the sections, of course, in their own meetings and services. But there are many of our members who do not always manage to go to sectional or regional meetings . . . Therefore, increasingly it seems to me, responsibility for seeing that a great many of our members remain satisfied and in the fold will fall on our national set-up.

Improving ACA Service

"For a long time, 'Camping Magazine' has been practically the only means of maintaining contact with all members. That is why it is so gratifying that at last it is on a business-like and effective basis. Miss Patterson has been able to visit many of the sections to talk over their problems and inspire them. This is all to the good, but we should consider other measures besides these two mentioned to accomplish what we wish. Visits cannot be made over and over again, and of course there are many members who cannot attend such meetings. To stimulate constructive thinking and planning towards this goal of making and keeping our memberships satisfied, I suggest the following:

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"2. We should also set about at once building up and cataloging in our office the best camping library in the United States and Canada . . . I believe much of this material would be donated by publishers and national agen-

cies on request . . .

"3. We should certainly continue to send out free materials to camp and sustaining members at least twice a year, in line with our promises. Such items should then be sold, at a profit, through our national office or some business affiliation . . . Reprints from 'Camping Magazine' should also be made increasingly available for resale, and notice of same carried in the magazine itself.

"I believe that tangible mate-

rials which can be held in the hand are useful in holding the interest and satisfaction of members, but this device is only part of the picture. We must continually improve and expand our informative services in ALL phases of camping and in other ways to be suggested by others in order to give value received.

"The traffic and routine work in our office has greatly increased, with no extra assistance to speak of . . . We need more clerical and stenographic assistance so that matters pertaining to the administrative, business and organizational side of ACA can be dealt with more efficiently.

Important Developments

"It seems to me that every business, every organization, must have a clearly-defined, carefullybalanced, well-coordinated strategic plan if it is to be effective and if it is to progress. I believe

some progress toward the goal has been accomplished during the last eleven months, with the help of many people . . . The Executive Committee and your officers renew to you their pledge to do their utmost to carry out such policies and plans to the best of their abilities.

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"I feel that our Association is poised on the brink of very important developments in camping and within the Association itself. We need to assume a bolder and more direct attitude in outlining and achieving our objectives. We are like a swimmer who has succeeded at last in getting his head well above water, and now has to decide in what direction he will proceed and what strokes he will use to reach his destination. Let us all work together so that every stroke will count and we may win nearer our common goal, a bettercoordinated and more effective Association."

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A new trend in summer camp policies, which would incorporate ideas of individual campers into the general camp program was outlined by Prof. Bertram Gold of the School of Social Work, University of Toronto, to representatives of the Ontario Camping Association at its meeting on March 22.

"The days of the rigidly scheduled campers' activities are over," Professor Gold said, advocating that camp directors allow boys and girls to decide on and carry out their own programs as a stimulus to initiative.

The discussions were part of a three-day counselor training program designed to raise the standards of leadership in 74 boys' and girls' camps affiliated with the association. Instruction in health and safety, group work, music, dramatics, arts and handicrafts, sailing and nature lore was part of the program.

Charlie F. Plewman was elected President of the Ontario Association. Others elected were: Vice-Presidents, Rev. E. R. McLean and Dr. Mary Northway; Secretary, Betty McCammon; Treasurer, J. B. Danson; Program Chairman, Margaret Goven; Publications, Mary E. Edgar; Research, Dr. Mary Northway; Counselor Training, D. Jackson; Publicity, Mary Dale Scott.

Southeastern Section

The Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Southeastern Section of ACA was held at Asheville, N. C., on March 14, 15, 16 and 17, it is reported by M. Priscilla Shaw, Chairman, Publications Committee.

The Convention Theme was "Great Opportunities go Hand in Hand with Grave Responsibilities." Reports were given by those who attended the Boston Convention and many added highlights were introduced by the program chairman, Miss Mary Gwynn, Mary Gwynn Camp, Brevard, N.C.

A Parents' Panel Discussion

was held, with four camp parents taking part. This was very interesting and most worthwhile. One parent desired that his boy learn the need for God and not feel that man was always the "superman." The ability of children to associate with other children, good influences, to be happy, respect for parents, to develop a sense of security and to get a real inspiration were some of the main desires of parents for their children.

The spirit of the convention was marked by the influence created by Miss Cooper Burner, Little Switzerland, N.C. Her heartfelt and inspiring talk on "Worship" made each know that her feelings about religion were truly those we needed to bring to our campers.

National Camp Plans

Two interesting pamphlets have recently been issued by National C amp of Life Camps, Inc., 250 W. 57th St., New York City 19. One describes courses available at National Camp for professional leadership in camping and outdoor education; the other is devoted to counselor leadership courses conducted by National Camp.

The 1946 graduate session at National Camp will be held July 9 to August 20; fees are \$250, including six points graduate credit, or \$200 without credit.

Counselor courses for men are held June 29 to August 31, and for women June 28 to August 30. Details on college credits, fees, salaries for counselors accepted and cooperative arrangements between National Camp and colleges are explained.

Further details and copies of these pamphlets may be obtained by addressing L. B. Sharp, Executive Director, at the address given above. "We need to rid the world of intolerance, rid ourselves of the feeling of being superior, and identify ourselves with people," Miss Burner said. "Make religion a natural thing. It is not necessary always to worship in the same place, at the same time and in the same way. Never let ceremonials become a repeating of words. Create a new awareness of something."

The Sunday morning service which was led by Miss Burner was most inspiring. It is hoped that we may secure a copy of this service for "Camping Magazine."

There were many interesting speakers, including Dr. E. D. Partridge, Mr. Reynold Carlson, Dr. Mildred Morgan and Miss Abbie Graham. Each of these speakers made a very definite contribution to the convention, and all who attended felt that it was one of the most worthwhile meetings of its kind.

Southwest Meets

On April 13 and 14, Southwest Section held its annual Conference at Camp El Tesora, Granbury, Texas. Dr. Fritz Redl of Wayne University and Thelma Patterson, ACA Executive, were among the speakers, resource people and program consultants.

Meetings Planned

May 29 through June 2 Central New York Section will hold a Leadership Training Conference in a camp near Syracuse, N. Y.

On May 4 the Minnesota Section will have its Spring Seminar at Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis.

So. California Elects

At a recent meeting of the Southern California Section, Kenneth Zinn of the YMCA, Los Angeles, was elected President. The new Vice-President is Mrs. Enid Case, Camp Placement, Bullocks; Secretary, Mrs. Ann Woolf, Griffith Park Girls' Camp, L. A. Recreation Department; and Treasurer, Milton Goldberg, Jewish Big Brothers Association, Los Angeles.

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Across the ACA Desk

By Thelma Patterson

Executive Secretary, ACA

NO THE Golden State in Forty-Eight." The Southern California Section is already enthusiastically at work planning for the 1948 ACA Convention which is to be held there. While in Los Angeles, Mayor Bowman presented your Executive with a basket of California oranges to announce and give official welcome to the convention. Larry Handy of the San Joaquin Valley Section and retiring President of the Pacific Camping Federation coined the phrase to plan now to come "to the Golden State in '48.'

1947 Regional Convention

Beginning our new plan, voted at the 1946 annual meeting in Boston, our National Convention will be held in one place every second year (1948 the next) and in alternate years a National Convention will be conducted on a regional basis. 1947 will be our first year for regional meetings and our ACA planning committee will be sending preliminary notices to Sections soon.

ACA Publications

Order these publications now for summer staff and camp committee members. Many are also valuable for good camping interpretation to parents and leaders in committees. A number of Directors have sent copies of "The Place of the Organized Camp in the Field of Education" to all their parents. How about you?

"Leadership for Camping, Now and in the Post War World"—single copy 10c; \$1.00 per dozen; \$2.75 for 50; \$5.00 for 100.

"Day Camping," a reprint — prices same as above.

"Post War Camp Building," a reprint—prices same as above.

"Place of the Organized Camp in the Field of Education" — single copy 25c; \$2.50 per dozen; \$11.00 for 50; \$20.00 for 100.

"Annotated Bibliography," revised Nov. 1945—prices same as above.

"Camping Index"—Single copy

"Who Plans the Camp Program," a reprint—single copy 5c; 50c per dozen; \$1.75 for 50; \$2.50 for 100.

Reprints will be available of "In Developing your Camp have a Master Plan," which appeared in the March issue of "Camping Magazine." For information on this write the National Office.

Field Work

On March 1, 2 and 3 your Executive attended the Pacific Camping Federation Conference at Asilomar, Calif. This federation is made up of a combination of the four Sections of California, and the Arizona, Oregon and Washington Sections, for the purpose of holding an annual Regional Conference. This year the Northern California Section was responsible for planning and operating the conference, at which Dr. Fritz Redl of Wayne University was the principal speaker. Next year the Oregon and Washington Sections will be co-sponsors and the conference will be held in the Northwest. Mr. Robert Gould of Los Angeles is the new President of the Federation.

On March 8, the writer visited the new Section in San Diego County, Calif. We are glad to welcome our newest Section. This has been an active group of members for a long time and a part of the Southern California Section. Mr. Paul Hammond of the San Diego YMCA is the President. Our trip to San Diego also afforded an opportunity to visit the new San Diego City-County Camp, Cuyamaca. This is a new venture being developed by the City-County Recreation Commission and the City-County Board of Education. Mr. Edwin E. Pumala, formerly of Michigan, is the Executive Secretary of the City-County Community Camps Commission. Mr. William N. Goodall, formerly of St. Louis, is the Camp Director.

On March 13, 14 and 15, we met with the Board of Directors of the Southern California Section, spoke before the Camping Class at University of Southern



THELMA PATTERSON, ACA Executive Secretary, receives basket of fruit from Mayor Bowman of Los Angeles, while Kenneth Zinn looks on.

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California, Group Services Division, Community Welfare Federation of Los Angeles.

On March 16 it was your Executive's pleasure to meet with the San Joaquin Valley Section

at Tulare, Calif.

March 18, 19 and 20 we visited with the Oregon Section. Included were meetings with the Executive Committee, with the Camps and Camping Committee, Multnomah County Council of Social Agencies, and with Camp Directors of Portland. We had the opportunity to make a radio broadcast on "What is ACA?" and to speak before the Oregon Section, meeting with American Association for the Study of Group Work and Camps and Camping Committee.

March 21, 22 and 23 found your Secretary with the Washington Section at Seattle. Meetings included the Executive Committee and a Section Meeting, and a Camping Class at University of Washington.

In all of these visits many conferences are held with individual camping and community leaders, in the interest of ACA locally and nationally.

Consulting Attorney for ACA

Mr. Irving B. Naiburg, attorney, of Chicago, is assisting us and acting as our consulting attorney on all ACA legal matters. He was responsible for drafting and drawing up the final contract in our recent "Camping Magazine" arrangement with Mr. Howard Galloway. He has given a great deal of time to this and to advising with your Executive and Officers. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Naiburg for his valuable services and we are most happy to have him a member of our ACA official "family." He is a former camper and camp counselor, an Eagle Scout, and at present a member of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Jewish Association of Chi-

summer, you may be thinking of activities that boys and girls can do to be of help in other countries. This will be too late for use in camps, but there are plenty of good projects that will help hospitals, hostels, refugee camps, schools, orphanages, and the like. All of these institutions for children desperately need play and work material and equipment.

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This World of Ours

By Catherine T. Hammett

Chairman, ACA International Relations Committee Girl Scouts, New York City

SEVERAL SECTIONS have sent word that they have considered their international interests and responsibilities in section meetings, as a result of discussions at the Boston Convention. The first two sections to appoint chairmen for such activities are the Southeastern Section, with Miss Treva Tilley as chairman, and the Minnesota Section, with Mr. Leif Larson as chairman. Other sections to be heard from soon, we hope!

The national committee is eager to hear from sections, and needs help in knowing what kinds of assistance camps would like to have, and also what camps are planning to do in international activities during the summer. Material sent to the chairman before the fifth of the month will be helpful in preparing this col-

umn; you let us know, and we will share the news!

Projects for Spring

As listed in the March issue of "Camping Magazine," there are three ways of getting helps to groups for this summer. Work fast, for shipping takes time these days! If you missed them last month, here are reminders:

If you are interested in helping a camp for children of France, (money, equipment, counselors, etc.) write Mr. Donald McJannet, 208 Pleasant St., Arlington, Mass.

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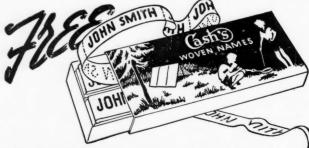
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Counselors From Afar

Do any of you have suggestions to help other camp directors in making good use of foreign students as counselors? Were they, in general, a successful addition to camp staffs? Were there special problems or gains? Do we need any different criteria for selection, or for the jobs we give them to do? Where did you find them?

If you are looking for foreign students, we suggest you contact the largest university or college near you, and ask for suggestions. This year we will find our help in students or other people who are already in this country. Should we be planning a program of getting young people here from other countries, another year?





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Camp Week Plans Completed by ACA Committee

Plans for the first North American Boys and Girls Camp Week, sponsored by ACA and scheduled for the week of April 27 to May 4, are virtually complete as this issue of "Camping Magazine" goes to press.

Under guidance of Lewis C. Reimann, ACA Public Relations Committee chairman, of Ann Arbor, Mich., a vigorous campaign has been carried on to acquaint as many people as possible with the "Week." Attempts have likewise been made to obtain sponsorship of the event by the President of the United States, the Governors of several states, and the Premiers of provinces.

It is expected that during the "Week" many radio stations and performers will devote time to the camping movement, as will newspapers, stores where camping equipment and uniforms are sold, educational institutions, libraries and other similar groups.

Without question an enthusiastically promoted "Camp Week" will result in much good for the cause of child training and welfare. Further, as has been pointed out by Chairman Reimann, there is no reason why the "Week" should not go "over the top," giving camping the greatest publicity it has ever had in North America.

"The 'Camp Week' idea has been used most successfully in Michigan for three years and is workable," Reimann stated in a recent bulletin to Sections. "The plan is in your hands now. Its success depends upon your energetic promotion. It is up to you to implement it."

It is hoped that after the successful conclusion of the "Week" all section chairmen will report fully to Reimann, so that results may be publicized to the entire membership through "Camping Magazine."

Abolish Technique" indicate the type of approach used, and the eleven stories which make up the second half of the book are chosen to appeal to all types of groups, boys and girls of varying ages, as well as adults.

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By Edwin C. Grover; Published in 1942 by Thomas Y. Crowell Co.; \$2.50.

This collection by a Rollins College professor is probably well known to many campers. As the anthologist states, "Its only purpose is to serve as a friendly guide to many of the most beautiful nature poems by English and American authors." Divisions of the book include "The Lure of the Road," "The Kinship of the Trees," "The Call of the Sea" and others.

Many of the poems are delightful for bulletin boards, for themes of Gypsy days, for saying together around the evening fire, for ceremonials, for rainy days, for inspiring campers to create poetry.

Resource Material in Camping Outling Camping

Small Rain

By Jessie Orton Jones; Published in 1943 by Viking Press, 18 E. 48th St., New York City. At the ACA National Convention in February, Alice Mansur Packard, in her charming talk, called attention to this book. The author has chosen verses from the Bible, and Elizabeth Orton Jones has illustrated them beautifully. These verses may be used not only for worship services, but in cabin devotions, and to point up all kinds of daily activities.

The Way of the Storyteller

By Ruth Sawyer, Published in 1942 by Viking Press, 18 E. 48th St., New York City.

An absolute "must" for the storyteller, this book of Ruth Sawyer's first defines storytelling as a folk art, which has "grown out of the primal urge to give tongue to what has been seen,

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Edited by Marjorie Cooper Cleveland Council Campfire Girls Chairman, ACA Studies and Research Committee

ACA Shows Good Growth in Membership

By Ray E. Bassett

Chairman, ACA Membership Committee

Many have wanted to know for a long time what ACAs classification of membership is, percentage of private, group-work agency, church and other types of camps. We all perhaps had some general surmises on the subject but not too much information to back them up. Now, however, from the membership registration cards which have been filled out and submitted by the Sections to date, we are able to start such an analysis.

Registration cards representing only about one-third of our membership are now in. These have been classified. As other Sections submit their cards, they will also be classified and tabulations kept up to date. Section officers are urged to help us complete this record which, when once established, can be maintained by ACA headquarters without further effort by the Sections.

Group-Work Agencies Lead

Returns to date, covering about one-third of our membership, reveal that 50 per cent represents group-work agency camps, 28 per cent represents private camps, 7 per cent represents church camps and the balance of 15 per cent represents a miscellaneous group including health, school, government, settlement, student, work, service club, fraternal, council of social agency and other camps and individuals not otherwise classified. We have reason to believe that the percentage representing private camps will be increased as the cards from certain other Sections come in. It should be interesting to follow this and we shall attempt to keep you periodically posted on the returns.

Girl Scout Membership

In the group-agency classification the Girl Scouts lead the way with the largest number reported. Others in this classification and listed in order are: YMCA, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Boys' Club and 4-H Club.

In the church classification we have listed Salvation Army in the lead and Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Sunday School Council, Council of Religious Education, Christian Center, Church of Brethren, Congregational, Episcopal, Seventh Day Adventists, Missionary, Reorganization Church of Jesus Christ, Jewish Council, Interdenominational and other church affiliations.

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Many Canadian Members

You might also be interested to know that 8 per cent of the memberships reported to date are from Canada. This is higher than one might surmise and is partially due to Canada's good work of getting their registration cards filled out and submitted. Nice work, Sections of Canada.

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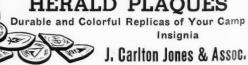
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